

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

31. (Canceled).
32. (original) A ceramic body having a transverse rupture strength of at least about 300,000 pounds-per-square-inch and a Rockwell A-scale hardness between about 95 and about 96 at 20 degrees Centigrade.
33. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the Rockwell A-scale hardness is at least 90 at 800 degrees Centigrade.
34. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the Rockwell A-scale hardness is at least about 91 at 800 degrees Centigrade.
35. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the Rockwell A-scale hardness is at least about 92 at 800 degrees Centigrade.
36. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body includes cobalt content from about 0.01 weight percent to about 1.0 weight percent.
37. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body includes cobalt content less than about 0.6 weight percent.
38. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, including an average tungsten carbide particle size of less than about 1.0 micrometers.
39. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, including an average tungsten carbide particle size of between about 0.001 micrometers and about 0.6 micrometers.
40. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body

includes a tungsten-bound carbon content of at least about 5.5 weight percent.

41. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body includes a density of at least about 95 weight percent of its theoretical density.
42. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body comprises at least about 98 weight percent tungsten carbide.
43. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body comprises at least about 99 percent tungsten carbide.
44. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body is shaped as a cutting tool.
45. (currently amended) The ceramic body of claim ~~31 or~~ 32, wherein the ceramic body is shaped as a router bit, knife, or insert.